GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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DISCOVERY OF OIL AND GAS RESERVES IN J& K REGION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of oil and gas findings in Jammu & Kashmir region as carved out by Directorate General of Hydrocarbons;

(b) whether India and Pakistan authorities held discussions on the financial and security aspects of the proposed oil and gas bearing region of Pakistan`s Punjab;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Pakistan have agreed in principle to commence the exploration; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be commenced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (e) In the state of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), no exploration block has been carved out so far. No commercial oil or gas discovery has been made so far in the state of Jammu & Kashmir. So far, no discussion has been held with Pakistan authorities of the financial and security aspects of the oil and gas-bearing region of Pakistan`s Punjab.